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DEAR HAROLD,

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF 8/22/93. WHEW. I'M ENCLOSING A COPY OF MY LETTER OF 8/18/93 WHICH INCLUDES PAGE 5 WHICH YOU SAID WAS MISSING. I SENT THE WHOLE THING AGAIN TO KEEP PAGE 5 COGENT WITHIN THE LETTER'S CONTEXT. (HOW THAT HAPPENED IS A MYSTERY TO ME).

OBVIOUSLY THIS RIFT IS DEEP-SEATED AND I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY ABOUT THE SITUATION. I THINK YOUR MOST EFFECTIVE POINT IS EVICA'S CLAIM THAT THE SOURCE FOR HIS ILL-CONCEIVED POSITION PAPER QUESTION TO WRONE WAS "YOUNG RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS." THAT DEFENSE IS LAME INDEED. I STILL DON'T BELIEVE THAT LIVINGSTONE IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THIS BUSINESS, BUT HIS INFLUENCE MAY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT. I THINK YOU AND I SHOULD DEAL WITH MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS AND MOVE ON.

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON A FEW OTHER ISSUES YOU MENTION DURING YOUR DIATRIBE.

I RECALL THE DECEASED PERRIN STORY BEING PUBLISHED IN ONE OF PENN JONES'

BOOKS. PRETTY ABSURD STUFF. / A GARRISON APOLOGIST, JIM DIEUGENIO, SAYS GARRISON WAS SUCKERED INTO THIS DISINFORMATION BY BOXLEY, "A CIA INFILTRATOR". THE POINT IS THAT GARRISON SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE~~E~~ THROUGH SUCH A FOOLISH SCAM.

DIDN'T BOXLEY TRY TO SUBMARINE YOUR INVESTIGATION WHEN YOU WERE SHOWING PHOTOS OF OSWALD AND KERRY THORNLEY AROUND NEW ORLEANS? I'M FUZZY ON THIS SITUATION. DO YOU THINK THORNLEY HAS ANYTHING OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE TO DO WITH THIS? IT IS INTRIGUING TO NOTE HOW FRIENDLY THORNLEY AND LIFTON ARE?

HOW DO YOU EVALUATE BOXLEY? IF HE WASN'T PURPOSELY DISRUPTING THINGS, WAS HE AN IDIOT?

DICK RUSSELL'S NEW BOOK ON RICHARD CASE NAGELL CLEARLY ALLEGES THAT GARRISON'S MAN SENT TO INTERVIEW/LEARN FROM NAGELL NAMED WILLIAM MARTIN WAS CIA. I SUSPECT YOU DISAGREE? IS THE NAGELL STORY VALID OR MORE JUNK?

REGARDING EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, I HAD REAL TROUBLE ACCEPTING THIS ONE ALMOST FROM

THE START. THE THEORY IN MOST BOOKS IS THAT GARRISON CONFUSED BRADLEY WITH MAFIA MAN, EUGENE HALE BRADING, THE GUY APPREHENDED IN THE DAL-TEX BUILDING. DO YOU ACCEPT THAT?

I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT ROGER CRAIG WAS COERCED / EXPLOITED / MANIPULATED INTO FINGERING BRADLEY.

I AM CONFUSED ABOUT ONE POINT OF THIS SUBJECT. YOU STATE THAT GARRISON WAS ALLEGING BRADLEY WAS A TRAMP, BUT THE "OFFICIAL" STORY SAYS HE WAS ACCUSED OF POSING AS A SECRET SERVICEMAN AFTER THE ASSASSINATION IN FRONT OF THE TSBD. BY THE WAY I HAVE BRADLEY'S CURRENT ADDRESS ALTHOUGH I'VE NEVER WRITTEN TO HIM. I KNOW HE IS CLOSE FRIENDS WITH FRED NEWCOMB AND JIM TOLD BRADLEY SAYS GREER, THE LIMO DRIVER, WAS THE SHOOTER, (AN OLD NEWCOMB THEORY WHICH SAW RESURRECTION A FEW YEARS AGO).

YOU MENTION ABOUT THE TRAMPS AND I WILL BE VERY CANDID WITH YOU. I HAVE ALWAY BEEN FASCINATED WITH THEM, AND

I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MESS. OF COURSE, FRAME-UP MADE THE FIRST TRAMP COMPARISON TO THE KING ASSASSINATION SUSPECT COMPOSITE AND THAT, ALONE, WAS STARTLING.

LATER NEWCOMB DISMISSED THIS COMPARISON AND YOU TOLD ME YOU HAD FIGURED OUT THIS ONE AND COULD EXPLAIN IT, BUT YOU NEVER GAVE ME THE EXPLANATION.

IN THE MEANTIME I PAID ATTENTION TO ALL THE "LEADS." I KNEW THE E. HOWARD HUNT / STUROIS ALLEGATIONS AS TRAMPS WAS BULLSHIT, BUT THE FRED CRISMAN ALLEGATION WAS INTRIGUING.

EVENTUALLY AN OHIO ASSOCIATE OF MINE AND I OBTAINED '63 AND '64 PHOTOS OF CRISMAN AND HE IS TOO YOUNG TO BE THE TRAMP WITH THE HAT. MY ASSOCIATE TALKED TO TEACHERS, HIS PRINCIPAL AND HIS WIFE AND THAT ENDED THAT. I WAS TOLD THAT CRISMAN WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF A POLITICAL RIVAL OF GARRISON'S SO IF GARRISON WAS A FRAUD, MAYBE THAT WAS THE MOTIVE? (I DO OWN THE ANONYMOUS NOTE SENT TO GARRISON ACCUSING CRISMAN).

NEXT CAME THE CHARLES HARRELSON

SAGA AND GARY MACK AND I BOTH PURSUED THIS VIGOROUSLY. EVEN RITA INFILTRATED HIS MOB FRIENDS. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT HE BRAGGED ABOUT BEING THE TALL TRAMP TO HIS PALS FOR YEARS AND USED IT AS A MOB RESUME TO GET "JOBS" AND INFLUENCE HIS MOB FRIENDS.

NOW HE DENIES ALL OF IT, BUT ADMITS HE LOOKS LIKE THE TALL TRAMP. I STILL CORRESPOND WITH HIM THROUGH A CELL MATE.

APPARENTLY THE TRAMPS ARE HAROLD DOYLE; GEDNEY; AND GUS ABRAMS AND YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG.

HOWEVER WHY WEREN'T THESE DAMN ARREST RECORDS RELEASED LONG AGO.?? THE TRAMP SITUATION IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF HOW MESSED UP OUR GOVERNMENT REALLY IS. THIS ISSUE TOOK 29 YEARS TO RESOLVE SIMPLY BECAUSE THOSE RECORDS WERE BURIED TIL STONE'S FILM.

I SWEAR THAT EVEN IF OSWALD HAD BEEN A LONE ASSASSIN, GUYS LIKE US COULD STILL EXPOSE UNCLE SAM AS CORRUPT SIMPLY BY HOW THE GOVERNMENT

HAS CONDUCTED ITSELF FOR 30 YEARS.

ONE LAST TRAMP POINT — THE LATEST SELF-CONFESSING CHARACTER IS CHAUNCEY HOLT, WHO CLAIMS HE IS THE TRAMP WITH THE HAT. I CORRESPOND WITH HIM AND HE IS AN AMAZING CHARACTER WHO WEAVES A STORY SPELLFYING NAMES — CIA, MOB, ET. AL. HE MAY NOT BE A TRAMP, BUT HE IS SOMETHING . . . WHAT? I'M NOT SURE.

REGARDING THE STONE SCRIPT — THE RUMOR IS THAT SOME WOMAN NAMED LILY YANG (????) GAVE THE SCRIPT TO LIFTON WHO GAVE IT TO YOU. LIFTON DENIES IT.

FINALLY, I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS ON LANE, DAVIS, LIFTON MYSELF. THIS STUFF IS FOR YOUR EYES ONLY.

LANE — I'VE NEVER ACCEPTED HIS M. LORENZ STORY. LANE CONVENIENTLY OMITS INFO TO MISLEAD. HE USES PROUTY'S STORY ABOUT THE BAY OF PIGS' SHIPS WHICH WERE "THE HOUSTON" AND "THE BARBARA J," BUT LANE OMITS THE "J" SO HE CAN CONVINCE READERS THAT BUSH

DEFINITELY IS TIED TO THE INVASION. THE "J" DOESN'T FIT SO HE OMITS IT. BUSH HAS SOME FASCINATING PERIPHERAL TIES TO DALLAS, BUT LET'S BE STRAIGHT ABOUT THE WHOLE THING, I SAY.

DAVIS IS VERY CLOSE TO FENSTERWALD AND BLAKEY. BLAKEY IS A DISGRACE AND IF ANYONE DESERVES SCRUTINY AS A DISINFORMATION AGENT IT'S FENSTERWALD. RITA HAD FIRST HAND REASONS TO BELIEVE THIS AND I HAVE LOTS OF OTHER SUSPICIONS ABOUT HIM. YOU CAN CORRECT ME IF YOU DISAGREE. AS ALWAYS, I AM IGNORANT COMPARED TO YOU.

YEARS AGO I CORRESPONDED WITH DR. HUMES AND CONFRONTED HIM ABOUT LIFTON'S PHONE CALL TO HIM. LIFTON WENT BALLISTIC ON ME WHEN I TOLD HIM. HE WROTE VICIOUS LETTERS TO ME. PERHAPS HE DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH.?? ANYWAY I HAVE A MORE THAN VESTED INTEREST IN LEARNING WHAT IS WRONG WITH LIFTON'S WORK.

TWO LAST POINTS — I HAD A NICE CONVERSATION WITH ROGER FEINMAN THIS WEEK AND THE FBI HAS ACKNOWLEDGED

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MY FOIA REQUEST REGARDING THE OSWALD P.O. BOX DISCREPANCIES.

NOW BE KIND TO ME AND EDUCATE ME ABOUT WHAT I NEED TO KNOW. I'LL ADMIT IGNORANCE WHEN I'VE CHASED FUTILE LEADS BUT I'M AS SINCERE AS HELL. GIVE ME THAT MUCH CREDIT.

I REGRET THE PHYSICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN US. I BET IN A FEW DAYS' TIME YOU COULD SET ME STRAIGHT ON SO MANY ISSUES.

SASE ENCLOSED.

SINCERELY,

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